

FIREMEN MINGLE PATHOS AND JOY

"Touches of Nature" Make Merry Banquet of Volunteer Department One of the Most Successful Ever Held—Clean Membership Praised

EFFICIENCY DEMONSTRATED AT SMOKER

Wholesome fun, dignified eloquence, ragtime jollity, a touch or two of pathos, a really laugh-oozing Boston lachrymation, the spirit of get-together, remembrance of a comrade in the hospital, minstrel melodies, good athletic entertainment and a real "touch of nature" last night combined to make the smoker of the Alliance Volunteer Fire department at the city hall one of the most unique, enjoyable and successful sessions of the kind ever held in Alliance.

Practically all of the members of the department acted as hosts to a number of city officials, business men of the city and one or two out-of-town visitors, all of whom were unanimous in voicing their appreciation of the event. The spirit of unity and good fellowship displayed during the evening made itself felt with the visitors and it was demonstrated during the short, witty and instructive "table talks" just why the Alliance department stands head and shoulders above the rest of the volunteer departments in the state.

ALL WORKING TOGETHER

That 75 representatives of the sturdiest and cleanest manhood in the state of Nebraska compose the Alliance department was clearly shown early in the evening, even without the necessity of this point of pride being referred to by the speakers. As a result of the short speeches of the evening, city officials and others displayed their willingness to co-operate with the department in every manner possible—even to the extent of doing all within their power to provide Alliance with a motor chemical fire fighting machine.

Acting as toastmaster, Lloyd C. Thomas referred to the department's rating in the state as one of the best volunteer organizations in the west.

"It is a case of good organization and thorough good fellowship. We have the cleanest and best manhood in the state. The department is good because all 75 members are working together," remarked the toastmaster, in introducing F. M. Broome, first speaker.

"The very best manhood of the city has belonged to the department and the reason for its ranking in the state today is the fact that the quality of its membership is the best in the history of the city," said Mr. Broome. Mr. Broome referred to his connection of long standing with the department and voiced the belief that the spirit now displayed would be continued.

"KEEP IT WHERE IT IS"

"Let's try and do all we can to keep the fire department where it is," was the sentiment expressed by Mayor A. D. Rodgers. This was after he told how a number of Nebraskaans were the "goats" at a banquet given in the Hotel Metropole, Cincinnati, but one must hear Rodgers tell this story to appreciate it.

Chief Romig paid a tribute to the fire fighting efficiency of the department, as compared with the old departments of some of the largest cities. He declared it was the spirit that brought the boys into a volunteer department that made their work all the more effective in real service.

"I saw the New York department fight a fire in a seven story building," said Chief Romig, "and it could be plainly seen that the men were fighting because they were paid to do it. Here we are doing it to aid each other, and that counts a lot. We have a department that can compete with any of them. This department stands at the head in the state conventions because its thorough organization is understood."

F. A. Mays, district commercial manager of the Nebraska Telephone Company, with headquarters at Grand Island, spent Wednesday in the city in company with Tom Benson, manager of the Alliance exchange. Mr. Mays has a large amount of territory in his district and stands high with his company as a capable executive.

Mrs. Phil. Pullman spent a day or two visiting Alliance friends on her return from a visit with her sister in the North Platte valley.

Grandpa and Grandma McCorkle are the recipients of many expressions of congratulations from their friends, the reason being the birth of a baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dunning at their home in Hysham, Montana, on Sunday, August 24th. Mrs. Dunning was formerly Miss McCorkle and Mr. Dunning was an Alliance railroad man. They are now successfully practicing irrigated farming at Hysham and own a large amount of property there.

Carl Spacht has returned from a three weeks tour of the Pacific coast. Mr. Spacht visited San Francisco and other points in California and while favorably impressed with the coast climate, did not fall in love with the coast fogs. He re-

Chief Romig expressed the wish that within a short time the city would be provided with a motor chemical truck. He compared the present spirit of unanimity in Alliance with the rebellious spirit that has disrupted the fire department at North Platte.

LIFESAVING METHODS

C. A. Dow, head of the Alliance Electric Light and Power company, told of the care taken at each fire to see that no "live wires" menaced the department in its work. He also told of the best methods of resuscitating firemen knocked out by electrical shock, declaring it was often possible to save a life after it seemed hopeless.

He referred to the recent case at Grand Island, where a fireman died for lack of continued attention under the latest known methods of bringing back life and expressed a desire to obtain for the Alliance department a set of instructions which might at some time in the future be the means of saving the lives of members.

TELEPHONES AND FIRES

F. A. Mays, district commercial manager of the Bell Telephone company, spoke interestingly on the work of the telephone company in handling fire alarms. He told of the work in Omaha and other large cities and of the care taken to prevent the giving of false alarms.

Mr. Mays also recommended the use of lifesaving methods to resuscitate firemen knocked out by "live wires." He declared that he believed the life of the Grand Island fireman would have been saved had the efforts to revive him been left with two telephone employees familiar with instructions.

PRAISES WORK IN STATE

J. W. Guthrie praised the work that had been done by Alliance representatives at the various state conventions. Mr. Guthrie himself has been one of the most enthusiastic workers in the state for the interests of the Alliance firemen.

Three distinctly human interest notes were struck in the midst of the merriment following the luncheon. By vote a committee was appointed to convey flowers to comrade Louis Buchenstine, who is now ill in the hospital.

Liberal contributions were made by the firemen and their visitors to aid a family in distress and a donation of foodstuffs was made to a family in unfortunate circumstances. These "touches" came at a moment when ragtime melodies were at their height and went far to indicate the wholehearted generosity of the "boys."

Louis Surprise told one of his inimitable stories, which kept all in a good humor for quite a while.

ENTERTAINMENT GOOD

Among the features of the evening were a wrestling match and a short boxing contest, in which Floran, the wrestler, contested with Pete Large and another Alliance athlete. Bates Copeland acted as referee of the wrestling bout.

The "boys" smoked a very good brand of cigars on Frank Maritt, who recently joined the ranks of the benefactors.

Charles Roltare entertained with a couple of real ragtime songs, which were highly appreciated. The program of the Alliance Concert band enlivened the evening and won the hearty approval of everybody.

Thanks was voted to the following persons and firms for contributing to the success of the evening: Robt. Campbell, Everett Cook, King, Wilson, Wm. King, Jake Bicknell, I. O. O. F. and the Eagles.

ports having had an enjoyable time, but is glad to be at home again.

Miss Mae Newberry, accompanied by the Misses Anna and Della Alyward of Alliance, and Miss Regina Burlew of Hemingford, has gone to Colorado Springs on a sightseeing trip. The party will be in southern Colorado for about two weeks.

Edna Martin, daughter of county treasurer Edgar Martin, left Tuesday evening with Hazel and Helen Ellis, who have been visiting her for some time, for Lincoln, where they will visit with relatives. They will also visit friends in Omaha and Council Bluffs. The Misses Ellis live in Hannibal, Mo.

Improvements have been continued at the White Front Cafe and the service improved until it has taken its place in the front rank of Alliance. It is making good as manager and is being rewarded with a liberal patronage.

Prices reduced fifteen (15) per cent on all Porch Furniture. GEORGE D. DARLING. 38-12483

If you want to meet Teddy be at the Bee Hive Saturday.

JOYFUL OVER RECOVERY

Little Margaret Zehrung Finds Occasion For Celebrating Her Escape From Death

ENTERTAINS MANY AT PARTY

Two weeks ago last Tuesday little Margaret Zehrung, daughter of Mrs. W. H. Zehrung, 408 Sweetwater avenue, emerged from the valley of the shadow where she had lain for more than a fortnight, at times her life despaired of, following an operation for an acute attack of appendicitis. Wednesday afternoon, from 2 to 5, little Miss Margaret celebrated her recovery, the occasion being one for receiving congratulations from thirty-two of her little friends and thanking them for their interest. It was one of the most joyful parties ever held in Alliance.

Margaret became ill a little more than a month ago. The malady had reached a critical stage and it was only after a desperate battle against the encroaching grim specter that the little girl was snatched from beneath the rustling wings.

Margaret's little friends were royally entertained at the Zehrung home. A three-course luncheon was served by Mrs. Bert Duncan and Mrs. Ivan Rogers.

At a contest held for the children during the afternoon, Lucille Currie won first, and Francis Grassman second prize. Miss Lunette Zehrung assisted in entertaining.

Those present were: Clara Garrett, Lucille Currie, Forest Rodgers, Kenneth Colburn, Marie Clark, Marjorie Grebe, Elizabeth Wilson, Josephine Wilson, Helen Young, Hazel Young, Loreah Lunn, Dorothy Hampton, Josephine Acheson, Robert Acheson, Mabel Duncan, Elsie Walbridge, Edith Jacks, Arlene Hazelton, Stella Moore, Lloyd Otto, Buster Zehrung, Claude Zehrung, Margaret Zehrung, Marjorie Haskell, Inez Hagean, Robert Elmore, Harley Richardson, Minnie and Dorothy Duncan.

WILL ESTABLISH AUTO VULCANIZING AND SUPPLY SHOP

Alliance is to have an automobile accessory and tire repair shop. Charles Tash, son of Postmaster E. Tash, who has been in this line of business for several years, is preparing to open an establishment of this kind. He will handle auto repairs, supplies and accessories and do tire repairing exclusively.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS WILL MEET

Royal Neighbors Crescent Camp No. 1280 will hold their regular meeting Friday at the M. B. A. hall. All members are requested to be present. MRS. L. H. HIGHLAND, Rec.

DRY IN HOWARD COUNTY

F. E. Hedglin was called to Boelus, Neb., last Thursday by the death of a nephew, the little son of his sister, Mrs. M. D. Morse. The funeral was held Saturday. Mr. Hedglin returned to Alliance on Sunday morning. He says that the corn crop is almost a total failure around Boelus, which is in the south part of Howard county, and that the weather was still very hot when he was there.

WORK ON BUILDING FOR GARAGE IS PROGRESSING

Work on the building in which is to be housed the W. F. Klentop garage has been progressing at a satisfactory rate during the past week. Within the past few days 75,000 brick have been placed on the site between Fourth and Fifth on Box Butte and the cement foundation has been completed. A shipment of pressed brick is to be received within the week and it is stated the building will be one of the handsomest structures in the city when completed. Bricklaying will be started within a few days.

Excavation for the new courthouse is going forward rapidly and a number of men will soon be placed at work on preparing for the laying of the foundation.

BEREAN CLASS WILL GIVE SOCIAL

The Loyal Berean class of the Christian Sunday School will give a social on Tuesday, September 2nd, on the lawn of the T. H. Barnes residence, at the corner of 7th and Cheyenne. The social will begin promptly at five o'clock. Music will be furnished by the Alliance band. The proceeds will go to the new Christian church building fund. Come and get your supper and help the young ladies.

The menu will be: coffee and sandwiches, 15c; watermelon, 10c; hot chocolate, 10c; ice cream and cake, 15c; home made candies, pies and cakes.

GOING OVER "BIG DIVIDE"

Milo Chapman of Chicago arrived in Alliance Thursday in a Ford roadster enroute to California. Chapman will go through by way of Cheyenne, Salt Lake and Reno, crossing the Sierra Nevada range at Truckee. The total mileage of the trip is 2,209 miles, the roughest test for the machine being between Salt Lake and Truckee, this stretch being mostly desert with many steep grades.

Wee Baby Cupid Appears On Morning Street

He was night-clad and unashamed when he appeared at the corner of Box Butte and Third about 10:30 Thursday morning. He was about three years old and had dimpled cheeks. One was smudged a little where he had been crying. He paused over by the drinking fountain with a baby lisp:

"'ont a dink."

A score or more persons had collected. One kindly hearted stockman took the little fellow under his wing and invaded the nearest candy store. Wee Cupid couldn't tell from whether he had come nor whether he was going—neither could he tell his name. His baby lisp and abbreviated attire had won him two pudgy fists full of sweets and he was satisfied—that is, until a frantic little woman appeared on the scene.

"Use sowwy I wunned away," he sobbed.

His ranchman friend begged off for him and the mother promised no spanking would follow.

The little fellow was Ernie Eakin, little son of Mrs. D. M. Eakin of Scottsbluff, who was visiting with friends at 221 Yellowstone. He had awakened and finding no one in the room had slipped out of the house and wandered forth in search of adventures. The sweetmeats were more than salve for his blistered toes.

OUT OF JAIL: IN AGAIN: THEN HEPPER PAYS A FINE

William Hepper went to the city jail early this week accused of purchasing two bushels of spuds from Charles Kroll. Kroll was not inclined to prosecute and Hepper was released on payment of costs in the case. Hepper, after being released, acquired a large-sized grouse against the city institution and returning proceeded to voice his opinions of jails in general and at Alliance in particular. Hepper was returned behind the bars and a fine of \$5 and costs was assessed on a charge of drunkenness.

OUT ON "FISHING" TRIP

Dr. A. J. Kennedy, Bud Rumer, Bob Reddish and Roy McClusky left Tuesday on a fishing trip to the Ankeny ranch. They were well supplied with bait and took their guns along to defend themselves in case they were attacked out in the sandhills by any feathered animals which are said to be getting fierce this time of year.

CAPT. STURM IN ALLIANCE

Victor Sturm of Nehawka, Neb., who is a student of the Nebraska State University and captain of the N. N. G., who had been on an outing trip through the west since last June, stopped in Alliance last Saturday on his return, remaining till yesterday. While here he was the guest of his uncle, L. F. McCarthy, who showed him over the surrounding country. Capt. Sturm expressed himself as being well pleased with Alliance and Box Butte county.

WEE BETTY STEWART WINS PRIZE FOR "PERFECT BABY"

Wee "Betty" Stewart, christened Mary Elizabeth Stewart, 16 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stewart, 816 Bighorn, won the first prize for a "perfect baby" at the Brush, Colo., harvest festival this week, according to a telegram received by the father and grandfather, W. H. Baker. "Betty" has been with her mother in Brush during the past week.

"Betty" weighs twenty-three pounds and is a winsome little miss. She is indeed a perfect physical specimen of babyhood. The news has been sent to Mrs. W. H. Baker, the grandmother, who is now visiting at Lookout Mountain. Mr. Baker declares it is probable that Mrs. Baker won't speak to common folks for the next few days.

DELIGHTFUL WESTERN TRIP

Mrs. J. G. Beck and son Lawrence returned Wednesday morning from a delightful two months outing on the coast. They visited first with Mrs. Beck's daughter, Mrs. C. O. Keester, at North Yakima. Afterwards they made Seattle headquarters for trips to Victoria, B. C., Vancouver, Bremerton Navy yards, Tacoma, Portland and other points. At Vancouver they met Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wheaton and Mr. and Mrs. Lindley Ellis, all prosperous and happy. They spent a day at San Francisco, returning via Los Angeles, Pasadena, Salt Lake City, stopping a while at each place.

George W. Darling left Thursday morning for a business and pleasure trip into the country. He will return Saturday.

One of the most delightful social affairs of the week was the Kensington given by Mrs. H. P. Toohy and Mrs. Harry Thiele at the home of Mrs. Thiele on Emerson avenue Monday afternoon. A three course luncheon was served and cards formed a pleasant diversion during the afternoon. The house was beautifully decorated with sweet peas. Those present: Mesdames Ganz, Berry, Crane, Marks, Copeland, Ward, Eubanks, W. O. Barnes, Cogswell, Darling, Thomas, Cox, Zediker; the Misses Carlson, Maude Spacht, Krounce, Duncan, Phillips, Hershman and Hoag.

POTATO MOVEMENT BREAKS RECORD

Estimated that \$80,000 Worth of Spuds will be Moved out of One Bank's Territory in Box Butte During Season

MOST FARMING LANDS CLEAR OF DEBTS

"Eighty thousand dollars worth of potatoes will be shipped from our own particular territory this season," declared F. J. Was of the First National bank Thursday afternoon. "It will be the largest and probably the most profitable crop handled out of Box Butte county and this section of western Nebraska."

The statement made from the First National is based upon reports coming directly from ranchers doing business with the bank and upon the amount of money required to move the crop. It is believed the value of the crop will be at least one-third over that of last year, and in proportion to the acreage and production per acre, the value of the crop is doubled. Last year potatoes were disposed of at from 25 to 30 cents per bushel. This year the prevailing figures are and will be from 50 to 60 cents.

CROP IS FIRSTCLASS

While reports have come in from other potato growing sections that the pest has destroyed large acreages, in this region it is reported that the spuds are clear as usual and western Nebraska this year will make one of its strongest bids for recognition as a potato growing center.

One other very significant fact of the season is that many smaller ranch owners have raised crops which they are holding for seed for next year. This is stated by bank officials, who have watched the crops closely, as being the direct result of the campaign of education recently inaugurated among the potato growers.

LAND FREE OF DEBT

Another feature of the season that is particularly gratifying to the officials of the Alliance banks is the fact that, except for land held on a speculative basis, the majority of the farming territory in the Box Butte district is free from debt. Mortgaged holdings have been growing fewer, until it is stated that this summer will set a new record for cleared titles.

"It looks to me like we are entering upon a period of growth, that while it is gradual, is most certain, and within the next five years I believe that Box Butte county will really take a firmer hold than for any like period since it was first settled," is the way Mr. Was sums up the situation with the closing up of the three months summer business.

ANOTHER KERESONE FIRE ACCIDENT

Canton Girl Badly Burned by the Explosion of Kerosene

SHE IS NOW RECOVERING

Nola Elsea, aged fourteen years, living eighteen miles west and north of Canton, was seriously burned at her parents' home Monday afternoon while starting a bonfire with kerosene. She had been gathering up rubbish and weeds and started them on fire, but they did not burn fast enough to suit her, so she took the kerosene can, which had been standing in the sun, and started to pour kerosene on the blaze. The can exploded and threw burning oil over her clothing. She had presence of mind enough to run to a water tank and jumped in, extinguishing the flames.

The girl was taken to Hemingford and given medical attention. She is now recovering and will not suffer serious consequences.

Mrs. Sang C. Reek left today for Denver for a week's visit with friends in the Colorado metropolis.

FIFTEEN (15) PER CENT DISCOUNT ON ALL PORCH FURNITURE. GEO. D. DARLING. 38-12483

JURORS DRAWN FOR FEDERAL COURT

List of Jurors Drawn to Serve in Petit Jury at Chadron, Beginning Monday, September 8

TWO ARE FROM ALLIANCE

The following petit jurors were publicly drawn at Chadron on August 26th for the purpose of serving in the petit jury in the United States District Court, at Chadron, Nebraska, for the term of federal court beginning Monday, September 8th.

Anderson, John, Chadron, farmer. Ankeny, Peter, Hemingford, farmer. Becker, Martin, Valentine, farmer. Beamer, Geo. W., Gordon, farmer. Bay, H. R., Rushville, farmer. Bell, Joe, Rushville, farmer. Canfield, S. G., Whitney, merchant. Cogdill, G. K., Chadron, farmer. Cain, Frank, Dunlap, rancher. DeHaven, Frank, Hay Springs, farmer. French, Eugene, Hay Springs, stockman. Flanagan, Geo., Chadron, rancher. Hornby, Geo. H., Valentine, merchant. Hoyt, W. L., Harrison, ranchman. Hoyt, Charles, King, stockman. Hamaker, R. S. Q., Belmont, stockman. Hunter, Harold, Andrews, farmer. Lawrence, J. F., Chadron, insurance. Lawrence, John R., Alliance, farmer. Miller, Howard, Clinton, farmer. Marcy, S. S., Hay Springs, farmer. Morgan, David, Chadron, hotel. Morgan, John H., Chadron, rancher. McGraw, J. M., Gordon, real estate. Pahlwe, Fred W., Alliance, farmer. Paul, John, Valentine, blacksmith. Raum, William J. A., Crawford, rancher. Reynolds, W. H., Chadron, real estate. Richardson, Wiley, Harrison, rancher. Stauffer, Jerry, Gordon, stockman. Shorow, C. A., Harrison, liveryman. Unthank, O. B., Chadron, real estate. Web, Albert, Valentine, restaurant. Westover, Frank L., White Clay, farmer.

Mrs. J. R. Acheson and Mrs. W. F. Duncan, a sister of Mrs. I. L. Acheson, left on 44 today for Iowa. The former will spend the winter at Iowa City. Mrs. Duncan returns to her home at Allerton after a four weeks' visit in Alliance.

Miss Grant, of Omaha, who has been visiting the Misses Acheson for a short time, will return to her home on Sunday.

Meet Teddy at the Bee Hive's big reopening Saturday.

Theron Chapman, who has been working the past summer with E. I. Gregg & Son, resigned yesterday and leaves today for Moffat, Colo., where he will join his father, who has purchased land there and located.

Your worries are over. The Bee Hive opens Saturday.

Miss Emily Skiles came over from her homestead Sunday with her uncle, Charles Tully, and returned on Tuesday morning.

Owing to the illness with pneumonia of her adopted son, Walter, Mrs. Ambrose has visited her daughter, Mrs. I. R. Lawrence, the past week. The patient is recovering. Dr. Copey attended him.

The Writing on the Wall

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

In ancient Biblical times saw the shining mural message, but could not read it. And there are many who are like him today. They see the letters blazoned on the guideposts that point the road up the broad highway of Opportunity, yet fail to decipher their meaning.

How many business men, for example, have yet read the message in "Parcel Post?"

The parcel post enables the small merchant to deliver goods to customers within his zone more cheaply and much more quickly than any outsider can. It brings every buyer within a fifty mile radius of his place of business almost to his door. It opens up facilities for trade that he never had before.

AREN'T THESE FACTS SOMETHING FOR THE WISE MAN TO THINK ABOUT?